BACKGROUND

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OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF DECISION

July 14, 2016

City of Albuquerque Planning Department Third Floor 600 Second St. NW Albuquerque, NM 87102

Action regarding suspension of Rule B.12 of the Rules of Conduct of Business by the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC)

On July 14, 2016 the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) voted to APPROVE the suspension of EPC Rule of Conduct B.12, with respect to the Comprehensive Plan Update, based on the following findings:

FINDINGS:

PO Box 1293¹. The Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) is scheduled to hold public hearing regarding the update to the City of Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan (the "Comp Plan Update") on August 4th and 28th, 2016 and tentatively on September 8th and 15th, 2016, if needed and as determined by the EPC.

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- 2. Between February 2015 and June 2016, numerous and varied opportunities were provided as part of the public involvement process. In addition to public meetings and workshops, people were able New Mexico 8710 to engage in the Comp Plan Update process by participating in an online survey, Q&A sessions, and/or submitting written comments.
- 3. EPC Rule of Conduct B.12 allows written materials to be submitted to the Planning Department at least 10 days prior to the EPC hearing and states, in part, that "Except in extraordinary circumstances, the EPC will consider limited clarifying written material only if it has been submitted to the EPC and any known opposing party at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing".
 - 4. Due to the broad scope of the Comp Plan Update, and to provide more than a single opportunity to discuss the case and hear public testimony, more than one public hearing will occur. The initial hearing on August 4, 2016, is anticipated to be continued to August 28, 2016 (a vote will be made on August 4, 2016). EPC Rule of Conduct B.8 allows the EPC to continue a case to a subsequent hearing, and provides the EPC with the discretion to allow for additional public testimony during that continued setting.
 - 5. EPC Rule of Conduct C.8 allows the EPC, with a vote of three-fourths of the Commissioners present, to suspend its rules for consideration of a given agenda item.

6. The submittal of written materials is allowed up to 48 hours prior to the August 4th hearing; written materials submitted subsequent to the August 4th hearing deadline will not be accepted.

APPEAL: If you wish to appeal this decision, you must do so within 15 days of the EPC's decision or by August 1, 2016. The date of the EPC's decision is not included in the 15-day period for filing an appeal, and if the 15th day falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Holiday, the next working day is considered as the deadline for filing the appeal.

For more information regarding the appeal process, please refer to Section 14-16-4-4 of the Zoning Code. A Non-Refundable filing fee will be calculated at the Land Development Coordination Counter and is required at the time the appeal is filed. It is not possible to appeal EPC Recommendations to City Council; rather, a formal protest of the EPC's Recommendation can be filed within the 15 day period following the EPC's decision.

You will receive notification if any person files an appeal. Successful applicants are reminded that other regulations of the City Zoning Code must be complied with, even after approval of the referenced application(s).

Sincerely,

Suzanne Lubar
Planning Director

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